

Proposed Change in Social Science Teaching – Political Science Designation

Proposed changes (in red):

The Social Science Teaching major with a Political Science designation comprises:

73 Hours in Major Courses

ANT 2200G - Introduction to Anthropology. Credits: 3
ECN 2801G - Principles of Macroeconomics. Credits: 3
ECN 2802G - Principles of Microeconomics. Credits: 3
GEG 1100G - Cultural Geography. Credits: 3
GEG 1200G - World Regional Geography. Credits: 3
GEG 3200 - Human Impacts on the Environment. Credits: 3
HIS 1500G - Roots of the Modern World: Society and Religion. Credits: 3
HIS 2010G - History of the United States to 1877. Credits: 3
HIS 2020G - History of the United States Since 1877. Credits: 3
HIS 3555 - Modern World History. Credits: 3
PLS 1003 - Introduction to Comparative Politics. Credits: 3
PLS 1153G - American Government and Constitution. Credits: 3
PLS 2001 – Introduction to Research in Political Science: Credits 1
PLS 2033 - Research Methods in Political Science. Credits: 3
PLS 2253G - Introduction to International Relations. Credits: 3
PLS 2603 - State and Local Government. Credits: 3
PLS 3203 - American Foreign Policy. Credits: 3
PLS 3543 - Civil Liberties in America. Credits: 3
PLS 3753 - The American Presidency. Credits: 3
PSY 1879G - Introductory Psychology. Credits: 3
PSY 3521 - Psychology of Adolescence and Young Adulthood. Credits: 3
PSY 3780 - Abnormal Psychology. Credits: 3
SOC 1838G (2710G) - Introductory Sociology. Credits: 3
SOC 2721 - Social Stratification. Credits: 3
SOS 3400 - Methods and Materials in the Social Studies in the Secondary School. Credits: 3

28 Hours in Additional General Education Courses

27-31 Hours in the Professional Education Core

For the regular program:

EDF 2555 - Diversity of Schools and Societies: Social and Global Perspectives. Credits: 3
EDF 4450 - Philosophy and History of Education. Credits: 3
EDP 3331 - Theories of Learning and Development for Secondary Teachers. Credits: 3
SED 2000 - Inquiry Into Teaching. Credits: 1
SED 3330 - Instructional Tasks in the Secondary School. Credits: 3
SPE 3500 - The Education of Individuals with Exceptional Learning Needs: Access to the General Curriculum. Credits: 3
STG 4000 - Multicultural/Disabilities Practicum. Credits: 1

STG 4001 - Student Teaching. Credits: 12-16
(register for 14 semester hours)

or the Following for the ISEP:

EDF 2555 - Diversity of Schools and Societies: Social and Global Perspectives. Credits: 3

SED 2000 - Inquiry Into Teaching. Credits: 1

SED 3000 - ISEP Level I. Credits: 3

SED 3100 - ISEP Level II. Credits: 3

SED 4000 - ISEP Level III. Credits: 3

STG 4001 - Student Teaching. Credits: 12-16

(register for 12 semester hours)

Footnotes:

(Major GPA based on all anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, sociology and social science courses taken at EIU.)

Satisfactory completion of this designation requires:

- a. a grade of C or higher in each course that applies to the 72-80 semester hours of courses required, regardless of where taken;
- b. a major grade-point average of at least 3.0 and cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.75 in all courses attempted at EIU;
- c. at least 45 semester hours of the requirements for the social science major must be in courses taken at EIU.

Students must complete all the professional coursework under either the Regular Secondary Education Program or the Alternative Secondary Education Program.

Effective Date: Fall 2010

Rationale: This course builds upon the Political Science department's existing efforts to provide students training and knowledge of various research methods and the role of research in political science. The course also is a response to an external evaluation of the Political Science department, as well as the department's own internal assessment data, which suggests that students will benefit from additional exposure to the role of research in political science. The substantive material presented here covers an important gap in the existing curriculum that was lost when the Political Science department combined two research methods courses into one (PLS 2033). While there was not enough material to justify a two course sequence, with two, three credit hour classes, it has become apparent that there is too much for a single course. Having a one hour introduction prior to taking the 2033 course will leave students better prepared for upper division course work in political science.

The Course affects only Social Science Teaching majors with the Political Science Designation and has no effect on the other four designations within the Social Science Teaching program.

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